

- **The year-to-year shift in net stock change reduced supply flow from storage by almost 2 Tcf from 2000 levels (Figure 8).** Storage activity shifted from a net source of supply to the end use markets in 2000 to a net reduction of supplies available to end use markets in 2001. The record net addition of 1,165 Bcf followed the record net drawdown of 829 Bcf in 2000. The resulting near-2 Tcf swing in gas from storage was more than double the next highest year-to-year swing in storage flows. This is highly significant for end use markets because it absorbed net supplies that would have been available in those markets.

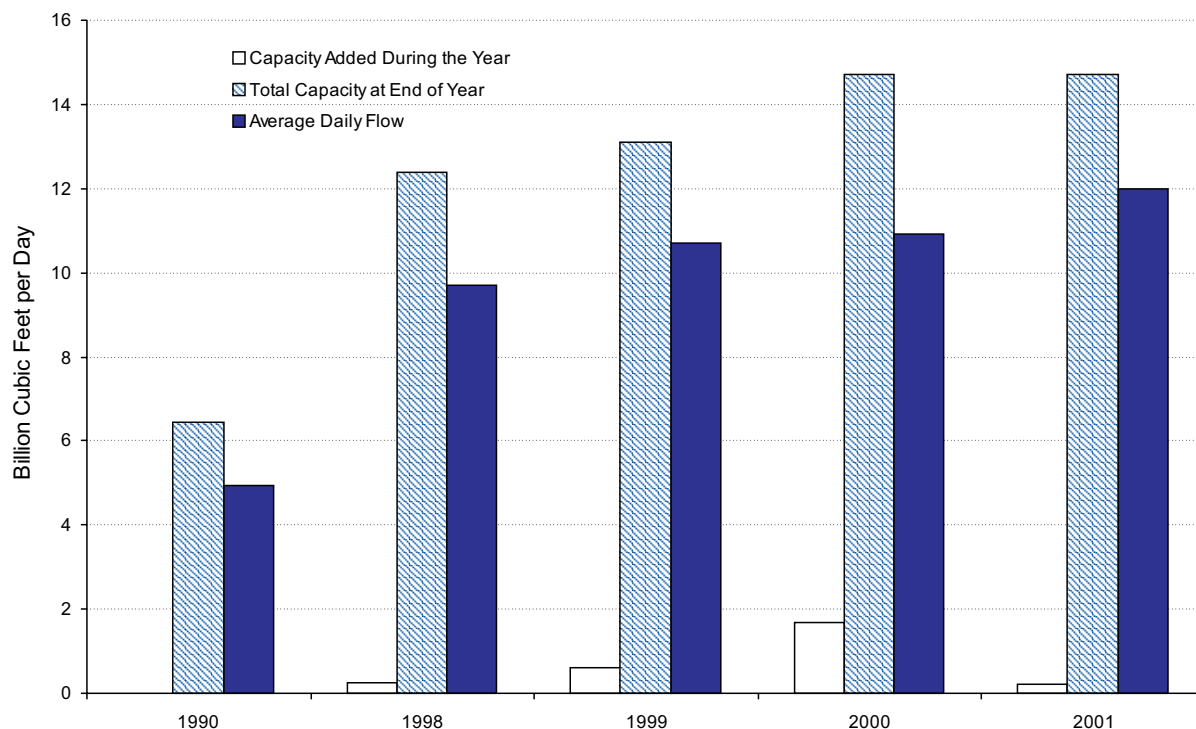
Natural Gas Trade Between the United States and Foreign Countries Expanded to Record Levels in 2001

- **The United States recorded gross imports of 3,977 Bcf and gross exports of 373 Bcf in 2001.** Canada continues to be the largest foreign source of natural

gas supplies to U.S. markets, while Mexico continues as an increasingly important and growing market for U.S. natural gas exports. LNG imports increased 5.3 percent to 238 Bcf, the largest volume of LNG imports since 1979.

- **Annual natural gas imports from Canada grew to 3.7 trillion cubic feet in 2001.** During the year, Canadian natural gas accounted for 18 percent of all natural gas consumed domestically. Imports from Canada increased 5.2 percent over 2000 levels (Figure 9), marking the fifteenth consecutive yearly increase in imports. A significant portion of the increase in natural gas deliveries from Canada in 2001 resulted from the first full year of operations of the Alliance Pipeline, which crosses the U.S. border at Sherwood, North Dakota.
- **In recent years, a growing portion of the natural gas that flows from western Canada to the United States is not consumed in the United States,**

Figure 9. Canadian Natural Gas Import Capacity and Flow, 1990 and 1998-2001



Note: Average Daily Imports includes gas flows that are re-exported to Canada (referred to as Intransit imports).

Sources: Energy Information Administration (EIA). **Capacity:** GasTran Gas Transportation System, Natural Gas Pipeline Capacity Database. **Flow:** Form EIA176 "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition."